

Supercomputing Center Uses Tunable Optical Modules DMLvs Wireless

Article Overview

Tunable optical modules, including directly modulated lasers (DMLs), provide ultra-low latency, high-bandwidth, and energy-efficient interconnects for supercomputing centers, outperforming wireless solutions in reliability and scalability.

Optical Modules in HPC and AI Data Centers

Supercomputing centers and AI-focused data centers rely on high-performance optical modules to interconnect GPU clusters, switches, and storage systems. These modules, such as 400G OSFP DR4/VR4 and upcoming 1.6T modules, enable bottleneck-free data transmission across servers and multi-site clusters, supporting distributed AI model training and large-scale HPC workloads (). Optical modules are critical for maintaining low latency, high reliability, and lossless data transfer, which wireless links cannot consistently guarantee at scale.

Directly Modulated Lasers (DMLs)

DMLs are a type of tunable optical module that modulates the laser directly to transmit data. Key advantages include:

- High bandwidth and low chirp, supporting short- and medium-reach links inside AI and cloud data centers ().
- Energy efficiency, especially when combined with Linear Pluggable Optics (LPO), which removes DSP chips, reducing power consumption by up to 50% and latency b...

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According to different transmission distances, application scenarios of a data center mainly include intra- and inter

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Laser is the heart of an optical module, and its cost accounts for about 50% of the total cost of an optical module. This

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Tunable optical modules, as an innovative solution, can dynamically adjust wavelengths to better address these

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In high-speed 100G optical modules, VCSELs are used for tens of meters. For lasers, DFB lasers are used for 500

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The Heart of the Optical Module Every optical transceiver – whether it's 10G SFP+, 100G QSFP28, or 800G OSFP –

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This new product is designed to meet the surging demands of high-performance computing (HPC) and AI-driven data

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Optical modules deliver high bandwidth, low latency, and scalable connectivity for high-performance computing,

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Consequently, EML-based optical modules are the preferred choice for high-speed, long-distance transmission,

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As artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and big data continue to grow exponentially, the demand for efficient

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For example, in 800G modules, EML lasers are used to provide high-speed optical modulation to meet the large

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As a core component connecting servers, switches, and storage systems, optical modules play a pivotal role in

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The convergence of silicon photonics and laser technologies is poised to revolutionize the optical module industry. By

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What's Inside a Tunable Laser for Coherent Systems?

Hence, many application cases—metro transport, data center interconnects, and—are moving towards tunable pluggables. The

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Here, DML is a device that uses the linear current-output power characteristics of the laser to complete direct high

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At the center of this technological shift is the DFB laser, specifically when utilized as a directly

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Push open the door to the data center, and amidst the humming server racks, countless thin optical fibers are carrying

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